

## Message Text

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E.O.11652: XGDS-1  
TAGS: NATO, CCD, PARM  
SUBJECT: COMMITTEE ON DISARMAMENT (CD): SELECTION OF NATO  
CANDIDATE

1. WE HAVE RECEIVED INDICATIONS THAT SELECTION OF NATO CD  
CANDIDATE IS LIKELY TO BE RAISED AT SEPTEMBER 12 PERMREPS  
LUNCH.

2. WE FULLY SHARE WASHINGTON'S VIEW THAT SELECTION PROCESS  
SHOULD NOT BECOME A CONTENTIOUS ISSUE WITHIN THE ALLIANCE.  
UNFORTUNATELY, WE HAVE HEARD TO DATE LITTLE TO SUGGEST  
THAT A SINGLE CLEARCUT NATO CANDIDATE IS EMERGING FROM  
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INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS IN CAPITALS. ON THE CONTRARY, IT  
APPEARS THAT BELGIUM, DENMARK AND NORWAY CONTINUE TO BE  
ACTIVE COMPETITORS FOR ALLIANCE ENDORSEMENT.

3. WE BELIEVE WE SHOULD AVOID BEING DRAWN INTO A LEAD  
POSITION ON THIS QUESTION AT THE LUNCHEON BUT WILL NEED  
CONTINGENCY GUIDANCE BY OOB SEPTEMBER 12 REFLECTING

WASHINGTON'S LATEST THINKING AS A RESULT OF ITS BILATERAL  
CONTACTS. WE WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE UPDATED GUIDANCE AS TO  
WHAT THE AMBASSADOR MIGHT MOST USEFULLY SAY ABOUT THE US  
APPROACH TO THE BROADER QUESTION OF EXPANDED CD MEMBERSHIP  
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